

## NEW BUSINESS GIVES PROMISE OF BIG RETURN

Investors Here to Interest Rock  
Islanders in Proposition of  
Fabulous Wealth.

Rock Island is to have a new business, that promises not only sufficient returns to the stockholders, but indicates that it will be the means of ridding the city of disease bearing parasites. The promoters of the venture have been located in the city for some time, and state that they have been successful in enlisting the support of many of the city's most influential and wealthy citizens, who see in this an opportunity to add a tremendous figure to their incomes, and perhaps some day be able to migrate to one of the larger cities where the 400 set is the thing.

The most appealing feature of the proposition is the fact that it is a self-supporting business. Outside markets are not depended upon for raw materials, or the like. When once the business is stocked, it maintains itself by the simple process of propagation of the species. But then, we think the accompanying letter which is being mailed out by the promoters to prospective stockholders will more clearly convey an idea to the layman of just what this wonderful investment consists of:

My Dear Friend:  
Knowing of your good business judgment, we take the liberty to address you on a subject which to us, seems a most wonderful business proposition. You, no doubt, will wire us im-

mediately for a thousand shares.

The object of the company is to operate a cat ranch. To start with, we will collect 100,000 cats. Each cat will have 12 kittens each year on an average. The skins will run from 10c for the white ones to 75c for the pure black ones. This will give us 12,000,000 skins per year, which will average 30c each, or a revenue of about \$3,600,000 per day gross.

We can get men to skin 50 cats per day for \$5. It will take 100 men to operate this ranch. The net profit will be \$5,500 per day.

We will feed the cats on rats as we will operate a rat ranch next door. The rats multiply four times as fast as the cats.

If we start with one million rats, we will have four rats for each cat, which is plenty. We will feed the rats on the cats that have been skinned, giving each rat one-fourth of a cat.

It will be seen that the business is self-supporting from the start. The cats will eat the rats, and the rats will eat the cats, and we will reap the profits.

You will please not mention this to outsiders, as just at this time there is a very decided stand being taken against profiteering, and we do not wish to have the ill will of anyone.

Hoping to hear from you promptly, and believing you will appreciate the opportunity which we are extending you as a personal friend, we remain, Very truly yours,  
THE CAT AND RAT FUR CO.,  
By O. U. FOOL, Secretary.

Remember to look for the trade mark on the box when buying "Abraham's Pecan Rolls."

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## CLUB MAY TRY CAMPAIGN FOR MORE MEMBERS

Community Organization, Out-  
growth of War Camp Service,  
Meets Next Week.

Community club members in meeting early next week may decide to inaugurate a membership campaign for the purpose of increasing public interest in the Community club.

Many inquiries have been received by the officers of the club, particularly since the headquarters were changed from old armory hall and the rooms above it to a suite in the State Bank building, as to what the Community club of Rock Island is, where it is and what its objects are.

During the world war the Rock Island arsenal in common with other great munition plants developed a tremendous need of expert help which could not be met locally. This necessitated the importing to this community of many men, who were required to work long hard hours in a strange place, with little or no chance of becoming acquainted. Many of these men lived in small, undesirable quarters, soon becoming dissatisfied, homesick and restless, with the result that the arsenal began to lose large numbers of its best mechanics.

Club Made Permanent.

The War Camp Community service came into existence here to meet this situation. One of its departments was the Rock Island,

arsenal workers' clubs, where good clean entertainment was afforded, pleasant lounging rooms and an opportunity to meet and mingle socially with the fellow workman, were offered. The opportunity was seen and grasped of establishing not only a war camp service but an institution of lasting benefit to the community. Therefore, instead of only a temporary organization, the control of the club was vested in its members and a solid and firm foundation was laid for the present Community club. There are more than three hundred members in good standing now, but as many more are desired.

"That the original idea was a success," one of the present officers said today, "is attested to by the history of the Rock Island arsenal during the world war and the popular organization now known as the Rock Island Community club."

Changed Form.

When it became apparent that the arsenal did not need the activities of the war camp organization, the W. C. C. S. withdrew and the club broadened its functions to include the community at large, under the name of "The Community club of Rock Island." It now occupies pleasant quarters on the second floor of the State Bank building, equipped with dining rooms, kitchens, lounge rooms, billiard and pool rooms and other assets of a first-class club. The membership requirements are not stringent but applicants are required to be of good moral character. Workers in loop stores have found the rooms an especial convenience, both as rest rooms and a place to take lunch economically, outside of the recreation phases.

In Mesopotamia wherever irrigation is employed it has been found necessary to build railroads to care for the increased commerce.

## ROCK ISLAND HAS ONE OF COWLS OF ILL-FATED MAINE

Tomorrow is the 22nd anniversary of the sinking of the historic battleship Maine in Havana harbor. In the evening of Feb. 15, 1898, the man o' war was blown up. It rested beneath the waves until February of 1912, when the United States, after spending \$1,000,000, raised the hulk and sent a shipload of relics to Washington for distribution among patriotic societies and municipalities.

It is particularly interesting to note that Rock Island has in its care one of three of the ventilator cowls which were salvaged from the raised ship, the other two having been obtained by Woburn, Mass., and Los Angeles, Cal. The relics were sent out in 1912, and since then Rock Island's cowl has been located in Long View park in the northwest section.

A careful study of the cowl reveals the effect of a long submergence beneath the waves of the tropics, being coated with marine shell, much of which has since been removed by action of the elements. The cowl is of solid copper, and is crushed, in mute evidence of a terrible catastrophe.

The air shaft is two feet in diameter, the height is four feet, and it weighs about 315 pounds.

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## ALL PROPERTY IS GIVEN WIDOW IN ZIMMERMAN WILL

Through the two administrators, John E. and Louis N. Zimmerman, sons, the will of Joseph Zimmer-

man, who died Aug. 13, 1919, was yesterday admitted to probate before Judge Frank J. Landee. All real and personal property is assigned to his wife, Mary Zimmerman. The stipulation is made that the estate as a whole shall revert equally to four of the eight sons

and two of the four daughters, John E. Louis N. Arthur, Walter, Marie L. and Edith, in the event of the widow's death or remarriage.

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Rock Island, Ill.

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